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The Brazilian Embassy
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We understand that Brazil issued a Victory Medal following in form those issued by the various allies in the world war. If so, would it be possible through your offices to obtain one of these for us for exhibition? This museum has probably the best general collection of decorations in the world. Unfortunately our collection of Brazilian decorations is very inferior and if it is possible to get a complete set of orders, decorations and war medals of Brazil we would much appreciate it. Several of the various governments have supplied us with these. I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



BRAZILIAN EMBASSY

Washington, March 22, 1933.

Dear sir:

In accordance with your request of the 17th instant, I have written to Rio de Janeiro asking for a collection of Brazilian decorations and war medals for your exhibition.

Upon receipt of a reply I will write you again.

Very sincerely yours,

R. de Sá e Silva.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155 & 156 Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

8 June 1933

The Honourable
Ambassador from Brazil,
Brazilian Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

We have recently read in a journal that the Government of Brazil has restored the "Order of the Southern Cross", which was originally instituted in 1922 by Don Pedro I. As the society has a large collections of the decorations of the world countries and an extensive library on the subject, we would like very much to have a copy of the Official Decree which authorized this new Order.

May we ask the favour of you that you send us a copy of the Decree, together with an illustration of the Cross. And if it is possible, may we also take the liberty of having a specimen of the new decoration sent for our museum. Several of the world countries have already sent us specimens of such pieces for our cabinet.

We would be glad to show you our extensive collection any time you will call. The museum is open for inspection at all times, save holidays.

Very truly yours,

Harrold E. Gillingham, Chairman, Committee on Medals & Decorations



BRAZILIAN EMBASSY

Washington, May 3, 1934.

Dear sir:

With reference to your letter of March 17, 1933, and my acknowledgment of the 22nd of the same month, I beg to inform you that I have now received a reply to my communication to Rio de Janeiro requesting for you a complete set of Brazilian orders, decorations and war medals.

I take pleasure in sending you today by registered mail a box containing four medals as follows: "CAVELEIRO DA ORDEM NACIONAL DO CRUZEIRO DO SUL" (Knight of the Order of the Southern Cross), "CRUZ DE CAMPANHA" (War Cross), "MEDALHA DA VITORIA" (Victory Medal) and "MEDALHA DE BONS SERVIÇOS MILITARES" (Military Good Service Medal).

I am sorry to tell you, however, that this is not a complete set as requested by you, but it is all that is available for presentation to your museum.

With best wishes, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

R. de Souza Silveira.

Dr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

May 4, 1934.

Brazilian Ambassador
Brazilian Embassy
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of May 3rd together with
the package containing the four Brazilian
medals:

CAVELEIRO DA ORDEM NACIONAL DO
CRUZEIRO DO SUL
CRUZ DE CAMPANHA
MEDALHA DA VITORIA
MEDALHA DE BONS SERVICOS MILITARES.

We are most pleased to have these and they
will help bring our collection of various
war medals more largely up to date. On
behalf of this Society I wish to thank you
for the effort and trouble you have been to
in obtaining these for us and I would desire
to have you convey to your government our
thanks for these medals.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator